

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Frederick	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: The Historical Society of Frederick County	
AND/OR HISTORIC: The Loats Female Orphan Asylum of Frederick City; Frederick County Historical Society	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 24 East Church Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Frederick			
STATE: Maryland		CODE: 24	COUNTY: Frederick
			CODE: 021

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Historical Society Headquarters; Library

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: The Historical Society of Frederick County, Inc.	
STREET AND NUMBER: 24 East Church Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Frederick	STATE: Maryland
CODE: 24	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hall of Records	
STREET AND NUMBER: St. John's College Campus, College Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland
CODE: 24	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust	
STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland
CODE: 24	

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 COUNTY: Frederick  
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 DATE:

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The headquarters of the Historical Society of Frederick County is located at 24 East Church Street, the southwest corner of the intersection of East Church Street and Middle Alley.

This imposing Federal mansion is five bays long, three deep, and two-and-a-half stories high with a broad, sloping "A" roof. The house stands on a high basement and is constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond. The central door (north) is reached by a flight of marble steps with a wrought-iron railing of classical design. The ten-panel double door with carved ovals is of noteworthy Federal design. There is a large, arched semi-elliptical fanlight with a marble lintel over it. The door has sidelight windows separated from it by freestanding Doric pillars. It is a handsomely proportioned doorway with a well-carved door. All the large windows have six-over-six sash with marble sills and lintels.

The north roof line of the building has a brick cornice with molded brick dentils. The end walls of the building rise higher than the roof line forming a roof curtain, with squared, buttressed ends. There are twin chimneys connected by curtains enclosed in each end wall of the building. The north side of the roof has three, nine-over-six, round-arched dormers with foliating muntins. They have flat-topped, stepped-in pediments.

There is a small, well-proportioned addition on the east end of the house. It is one bay wide and three bays deep and has brick pilasters at each corner and a small, wooden, classical cornice along the lower edge of the roof. It served as an office for the original owner of the house, John Baltzell, M.D. (1774-1854). There is a lower two-and-a-half story wing to the south of the main section of the building.

The stair hall of the house contains some decorative plasterwork. The paneling and staircase are woodwork representative of the period. The mantels are all marble representative of the period, although some of them are of a later period.

There is a well-maintained garden to the south of the structure.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian;      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

after 1824

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                                                  |                                               |                                              |                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering          | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry             |                                              | <u>Children's museum</u>                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention            | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature           | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military             | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                |                                              | _____                                               |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Historical Society of Frederick County has acquired and preserved one of the larger, more imposing Federal-style houses in Frederick, Maryland. No longer a private residence, the Society maintains its headquarters in the building. Their facilities include a library, a meeting room, several rooms of "period furniture," memorabilia of local interest and, in an addition to the east of the house, an antique shop. Perhaps the most significant of these cooperative uses for this nineteenth-century building is the 1970 Youth Museum located in the basement.

The association of the Society's headquarters with youth is appropriate in that the previous occupation was that of an orphanage. The third owner of the house, John Loats, devised the house and the property on which it stands to the Loats Female Orphan Asylum of Frederick City which he established in his will of 1879.

In 1870, nine years before his death, Loats had purchased the house from Colonel Alexander Baird Hanson, 1790-1868. Hanson was a distant cousin of John Hanson, 1715-1783, President of the United States in Congress Assembled. Alexander Baird Hanson was born in Kent County, Maryland, where he commanded the Republican Blues, or "Silk Stocking Company," of Kent County. Hanson moved to Frederick City in the early 1830's quickly becoming involved in community affairs. He was instrumental in founding a school for girls called the Frederick Female Seminary. He served as President of the Frederick County Bank and, on a national level, as a director of both the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the Chesapeake and Potomac Canal companies. In 1855, Secretary of War Jefferson Davis, 1808 to 1889, appointed Hanson to the Board of Visitors to the Annual Examination for the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Hanson received this appointment one year after he purchased 24 East Church Street from the estate of Dr. John Baltzell.

John Baltzell, 1774-1854, born in Frederick City, studied

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## Recorders:

Paul A. Brinkman, Maryland Historical Trust, 94 College, Annapolis, Maryland.

Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust.

Orlando Ridout IV, Director, Maryland Historical Trust.

Frederick County Land Records. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		39°	24'	54"	
NE	°	'	"		77°	24'	34"	
SE	°	'	"					
SW	°	'	"					

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Jan. 19, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name

Orlando Ridout IV

Title

State Liaison Officer  
for Maryland

Date

January 19, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Frederick	
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(Number all entries)

The Historical Society of Frederick County

#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

medicine at the University of Pennsylvania before returning to his native city to practice. Between 1824 and 1829 Baltzell purchased one and one-half lots on the south side of Church Street on which he built the present house. The addition to the east, according to tradition, was Dr. Baltzell's office.

The lots which Baltzell bought, number fifty-five and the northern half of number fifty-six, were two of the original lots for Frederick Town as it was first laid out in 1745 by Daniel Dulany, 1722-1797. Thomas Schley, who in 1753 was the first purchaser of Lot No. 55, purportedly had built the first house elsewhere in Frederick Town in 1746.

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"List of Lots and Their Ground Rents in Frederick Town."  
[n.a.] Proprietary Leases. Executive Papers, 6634, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

"Frederick Maryland A Walking Tour," [n.p., n.d.] files of Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.

Duvall, Samuel. "Map of Frederick Town August 10, 1782 made at the request of Clement Holliday, a Commissioner for the Confiscation of British Property." manuscript map. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

F-1654

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF FREDERICK/built by John Loats

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

24 E. Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☒ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a very large Federal mansion of 2-1/2 stories and is detached. It has a very high fieldstone foundation with ten steps up to the first floor. This is five bays wide and extends back three bays. A seven bay long, two bay wide wing extends in an "L" shape to the rear on the west side. To the east is a one story, one bay square office structure added in 1877, and it extends along the front facade.

A one bay square section on the rear in the angle of the "L" contains a porch and gallery above. The front section has a metal "A" frame roof of moderate slope. The sides of the house rise up to form roof curtains as does the rear wall of the wing. Two large chimneys with curtains are enclosed in each gable. Two other chimneys protrude from the wing which has a metal shed roof. Buttresses hold the ends of the roof curtains. The front brickwork is of Flemish bond and the side and rear are of common bond, all painted white.

The Federal style doorway occupies the center bay. It has a wide door of ten panels and raised ovals framed by Doric pillars with short pedestals and has sidelights with lower sections of paneling. The whole is surmounted by a very nice fan window of the sunburst design. This is capped by a granite, narrow, elliptical arch curving down to the base of the fan window. All windows in the building are 6/6 sash with wood lintels and sills except on the front which are of granite. Three dormer windows are mounted on the front and back sections of the "A" roof. They are of a design common in early Frederick--round arched 9/6 sash windows with a stepped in gable. The cornice along the front roofline is simple but attractive and has rectangular modillions set close together with a narrow belt trim beneath. The front doorway is reached by a wide porch of ten granite steps with wrought iron railings. The one bay office to the east has a front roofline framed like a flat entablature and brick pillasters rise at the corners.

Unusual features of the house are the three dormers facing the rear and the fact that the two rear doors opening onto the rear porch and gallery are full, three part Federal doorways similar to the main entrance.

All windows except on the front have louvered shutters.

A high brick wall to the rear and sides encloses a recently landscaped garden with shrubs, yew, boxwood and lawn areas. A herringbone brick pavement fronts the structure.



CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
C1830-News Clipping		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was used as a girls' orphan home for many years by the Lutheran Church.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

DOUGLAS M. GREENE  
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ORGANIZATION

HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CITY of FREDERICK, MD. 21701

DATE

MARCH 1973

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

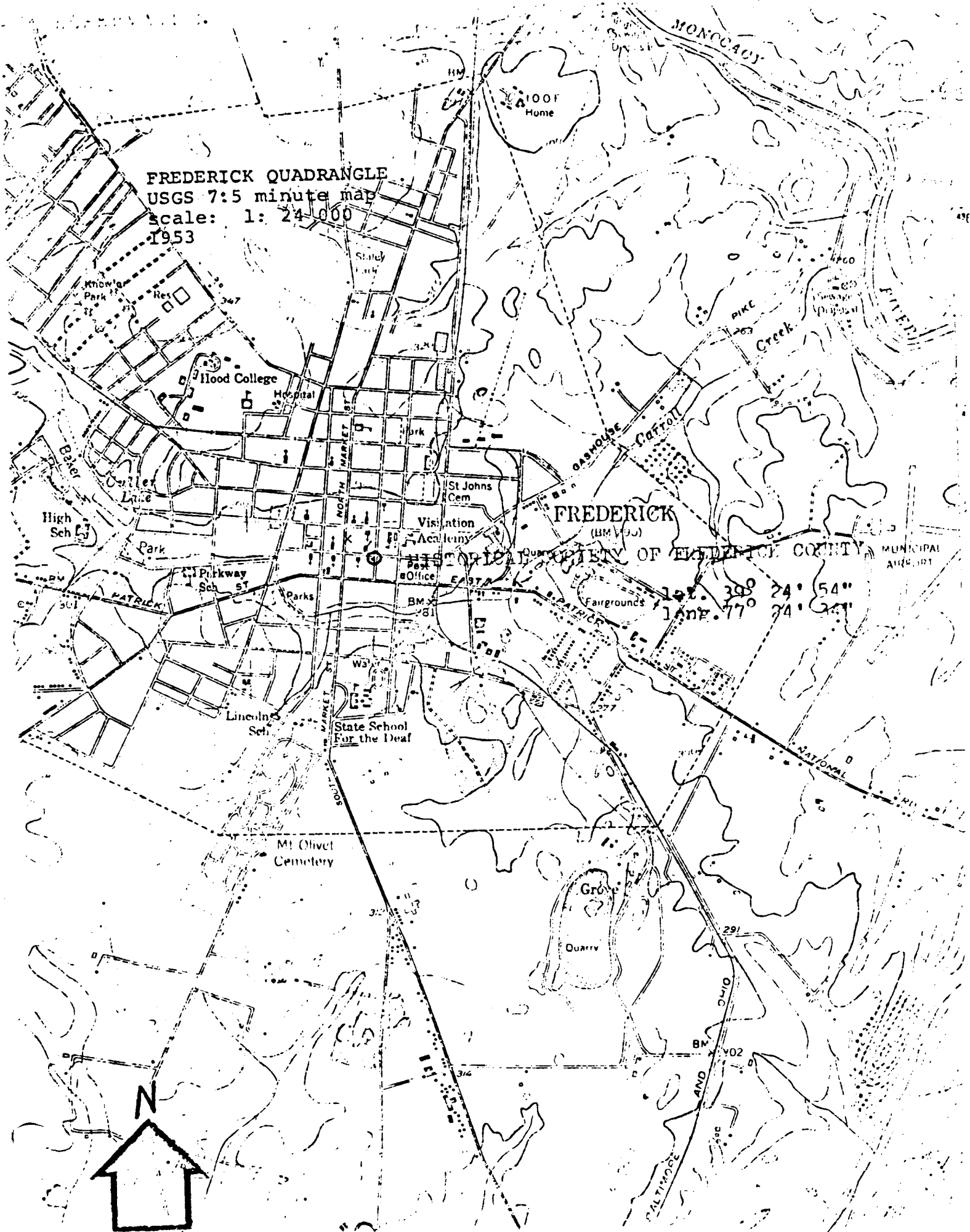
STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

FREDERICK QUADRANGLE  
USGS 7:5 minute map  
Scale: 1: 24,000  
1953



FREDERICK

(BM 1930)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF FREDERICK COUNTY

191. 300 24' 54"  
191. 770 24' 54"

